Statement

Month-end retail prices of pulses at Delhi during the last three years—ending June, 1995

(Rs. Per kg.)

Commodity	RETAIL PRICES			
	June, 1992	June, 1993	June, 1994	June, 1995
SUPER BAZAR				
Gram dal..	9.40	13.10	14.90	11.50
Arhar dal	14.55	14.40	16.45	28.45
Moong dal	16.30	15.50	14.95	18.70
Masoor dal	10.65	10.55	13.50	16.15
Urad dal	11.70	10.95	15.10	26.45
KENDRIYA BHANDAR				
Gram dal	8.70	13.00	14.10	11.40
Arhar	14.40	14.00	16.50	28.10
Moong dal	16.30	14.40	14.10	18.60
Masoor dal	10.20	10.20	12.10	16.10
Urad dal	12.55	11.60	14.30	26.40
OPEN MARKET				
Gram dal	10.00	11.50	16.00	14.00
Arhar dal	15.00	16.00	17.00	29.00
Moong dal	18.00	17.50	18.00	22.00
Masoor dal	12.00	12.00	16.00	18.00
Urad dal	15.00	13.00	18.00	38.00

Source: Super Bazar, Kendriya Bhandar and Dte. Of Economics and Statistics Ministry of Agriculture.

Issues related to Import of sugar

*14. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:

WiU the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report published in Statesman of June 15, 1995 under caption, "Sugar Imports";

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) what is the quantity and value of sugar proposed to be imported during 1995-96; details of tenders floated, bids received and contracts accepted and the role of Cabinet Committee on Prices (CCP), STC, MMTC in this regard; and

(d) whether Government have examined the position in' the light of the recommendations made by the Gian Prakash Committee and if so, the details in this regard and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Gian Prakash Committee has laid emphasis on monitoring of shortage situations. A Group of Ministers monitors the prices and availability of essentia) commidities and based on its assessment, gives directions to the concerned Ministries/Departments to take suitable action for maintaining reasonable

level of prices of specified essential commodities in the market. Accordingly, in the early part of the current (1994-95) sugar season, when firm production trends were not available, the Ministry of Commerce was asked to direct STC and MMTC to enter into forward contracts for import of about 5 lakh tonnes of sugar. The decision was reviewed from time to time in the light of the domestic production. STC and MMTC in pursuance of the above decision had entered into forward contracts for about 4.09 lakh tonnes of sugar, details of which are given in Statement I, II and III. *(see* below) Subsequently on the basis of more up-to-date figures of sugar production and availability, STC/MMTC were advised to dispose of as much of the contracted sugar as possible in international market at the best possible price. In pursuance of this, STC/MMTC have reported that they have been able to reduce the contracted quantity to 2.91 lakh tonnes.

Statement-I

The details of the bids received as communicated by STC and MMTC are as under:—

Agency	Date of tendering	Total bid received
STC	9.1.1995	18
	19.1.1995	21
	30.1.1995	19
	15.1.1995	11
MMTC	9.1.1995	18
	19.1.1995	21

Statement-II

STATE TRADING CORPORATION OF INDIA LTD.

Details of purchases finalised are given below:

S. NO	DATE OF PURCHASE	SUPPLIER	QTY. (MT)+10%	PRICE US $ PMT C &. FFO
JULY'95 ARRIVAL:				
1.	30.01.95	Cargill	13,000	422.97
2.	30.01.95	Metelmann	13,000	422.90
3.	30.01.95	Metelmann	13,000	422.90
4.	06.02.95	Metelmann	13,000	422.90
		Total:	52,000	
SEPT.'95 ARRIVAL:				
5.	06.02.95	Phibro	13,000	418.40
6.	06.02.95	Phibro	13,000	418.40
7.	06.02.95	Phibro	13,000	418.40
8.	30.01.95	Sucden	13,000	416.50
9.	30.01.95	Sucden	13,000	416.50
10.	30.01.95	Cargill	13,000	414.50
11.	30.01.95	Louis Dreyfus	13,000	414.50
12.	30.01.95	Louis Dreyfus	13,000	414.50
13.	30.01.95	Gill & Duffus	13,000	415.00
14.	30.01.95	Phibro	13.000	416.50
			1,30,000	
		Grand Total:	1,82,000	

Statement-III

Details of sugar contracted by MMTC Limited

SL. NO.	DATE OF CONTRACT	QUANTITY CONTRACTED (IN MT)	SUPPLIER	PRICE IN US $/ MT (C&F FO)	ORIGIN	SHIPMENT SCHEDULE	EXPECTED ARRIVAL PERIOD
1.	19.1.95	26000	LOUIS DRYFUS SUGAR	428.25	BRAZIL	JUNE/ 15 JULY	AUGUST 95.
2.	19.1.95	42000	CARGILL	428.25	BRAZIL	JUNE/ 22 JULY	AUGUST 95.
3.	20.1.95	82000	MTPL	425.40	BRAZIL	15 JULY/ AUGUST	SEPT95
4.	23.1.95	52000	MTPL	438.50	BRAZIL	AUGUST	SEPT 95.
5.	23.1.95	25000	MTPL	457.72	THAILAND	JUNE'95'	JULY' 95.
	Total:	227000					

Implementation of MPs' local area development scheme

15. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the very slow pace at which the agencies are working at the local level in the implementation of MPs' Local Area Development Scheme;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to ensure that the agencies work at a faster pace; and

(c) what monitoring mechanism is being evolved to oversee the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG): (a) and (b) Of late, complaints have been coming about slow progress of implementation of MPLADS. On receipt of such complaints, matter is taken up with the concerned District Collector to improve implementation.

© For monitoring the progress of schemes, a monitoring format has been devised, corHs of which have been sent to the Collectors and the Hon'ble Members of Parliament. Information on each scheme is to be fed by the Collector to be retrieved centrally through NICNET Government will carry out periodic reviews of such consolidated information.